

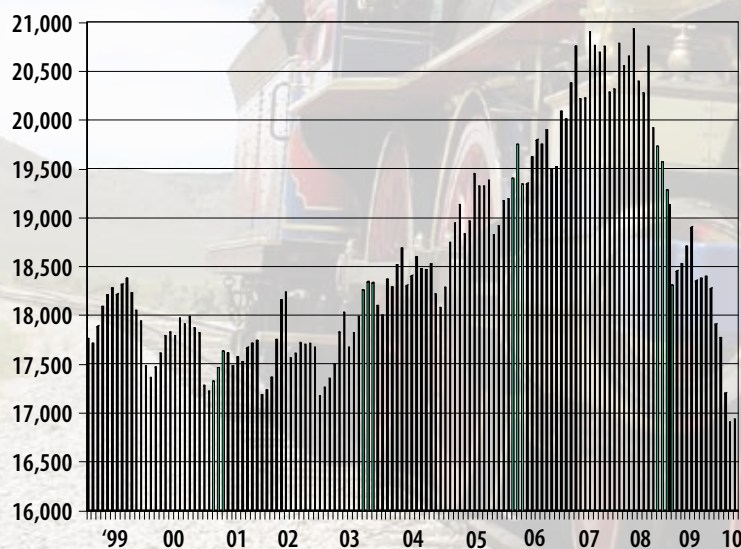
## Box Elder County

In the northwest corner of the Beehive state resides a quiet county named after its most abundant tree: the box elder. Unfortunately Box Elder County is considered “economically distressed.” In the fall of 2010, almost one in ten (9.4 percent) of the Box Elder workforce was unemployed. This increase in unemployment is mostly attributable to the decrease of manufacturing jobs, Box Elder’s primary industry. If Box Elder’s economy is to maintain and prosper, industrial diversity may be a key. Otherwise, Box Elder’s level of joblessness will likely grow over the next few years.

Urban pressure continues to spread northward from the metropolitan Wasatch Front. This may cause the agriculture industry, which occupies 40 percent of Box Elder’s land, to morph into a more metropolitan county in the future. To aid the local economy, Box Elder County has opened the Box Elder Business Center with the assistance of federal funds, which was created to develop existing businesses and attract new ones to the area. ⓘ

*The steam engine replica at the Golden Spike National Historic Site in Box Elder County.*

### Box Elder County Employment



Source: Utah Department of Workforce Services.